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SUBJECT: ROUGH SLEDDING FOR FANFANI AT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
PARTY CONCLAVE

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1. DEBATE WAS AGAIN SUSPENDED TODAY AT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) DIRECTORATE MEETING TO PERMIT PARTY FACTIONS FURTHER TIME TO WORK OUT THEIR POSITIONS. MEETING SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN LATE AFTERNOON.

2. IN JUNE 30 SPEECH TO DIRECTORATE PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI URGED TWO-PARTY (REPUBLICANS PLUS DC) MORO GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT PROGRAM WITH OTHER CENTER-LEFT PARTIES (SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS) TO DEAL WITH MOST URGENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING NATION AND THUS AVOID RISK OF SERIOUS GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

3. SITUATION IN DC IS INCREASINGLY FLUID. RUMORS MAKING ROUNDS IN DC CIRCLES SUGGEST THAT ATTEMPT BY FANFANI TO PUT OFF MAJOR DEBATE AND LEADERSHIP CHANGES UNTIL PARTY CONGRESS IN LATE FALL MEETING INCREASING OPPOSITION WITHIN DC PARTY MAJORITY FACTIONS. VOLPE

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